

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today in full support of H.R. 1583, a bill designating the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

Lee Hamilton is a proud "Hoosier" through and through, and to this day he continues to work for the people of Indiana. Lee was the star of his basketball teams in high school and college, and earned induction into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Lee attended Evansville Central High School, where he excelled both in the classroom and on the basketball court. As a senior, he led his team to the final game of the Indiana state basketball tournament, and received the prestigious Trester award for scholarship and athletics. After graduation, Lee attended Depauw University where he studied history. Lee graduated with honors in 1952 and was awarded the Walker Cup, given to the most outstanding member of the senior class. He went on to study for a year in post-war Germany at Goethe University before returning to law school at Indiana University, from which he graduated in 1956.

While representing Indiana's 9th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, Lee Hamilton earned a reputation as a leader in international affairs, serving as Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, the House Intelligence Committee, and the Iran-Contra Investigation Committee. During his tenure in Congress, Lee Hamilton established a broad record of expertise and influence in foreign affairs. He focused substantial attention on promoting democracy and market reforms in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe; advancing peace and stability in the Middle East; expanding U.S. markets overseas; and overhauling U.S. foreign aid.

In addition to his impressive record on foreign affairs, Congressman Hamilton also played an important role in reforming the institution of Congress itself. He co-chaired the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress where he worked to develop ideas like the gift-ban tightening lobbying restrictions, and applying workplace laws to the United States Congress.

In 1999, after serving in the House of Representatives for 34 years, Lee Hamilton assumed the positions of Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., and the Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. The non-partisan Center on Congress at Indiana University aims to educate citizens about the operations and importance of the U.S. Congress, and it includes a special outreach program to the people of Indiana.

I join my colleagues in honoring Lee by designating the New Albany Federal building and courthouse as the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse, and I wish him well in his current endeavors.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1583, legislation introduced by Rep. BARON HILL, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

Former Congressman Lee Hamilton retired in 1998 after 34 years of service in the U.S.

House of Representatives. Lee Hamilton represented the Ohio River counties of the State of Indiana and was first elected in 1964. Before retiring he served as the Chairman of our House Committee on International Relations.

While Chairman, I had the pleasure of working with Lee as the Ranking Republican Member, where I learned of his extensive knowledge and capacity for hard work in addition to his sense of moral imperative. It is at this time that I also learned of his willingness to bring back the pre-World War II era of bipartisan foreign policy.

Lee Hamilton was born in Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Fla. on April 20, 1931 and moved with his parents to Evansville, Ind., in 1944. He graduated from Indiana University School of Law in 1956 and was admitted to the bar in 1957. He began the practice of law in 1958 in Columbus, Ind. In 1968 he was first elected to the Eighty-ninth Congress and to the sixteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1965 through January 3, 1999).

In addition to serving as Chairman of the House International Relations Committee during the One Hundred Third Congress, Congressman Hamilton served as Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence during the Ninety-ninth Congress; the Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran during the One Hundredth Congress; and the Joint Economic Committee during the One Hundred First Congress.

Accordingly, I urge all of my colleagues to fully support this measure.

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to lend my support to H.R. 1583, legislation to name the federal building and courthouse in New Albany, Indiana, after a very distinguished former member of this body, Lee Hamilton.

While a Member of the House, Lee Hamilton earned a reputation as foreign policy expert. With the recent tragic events that have struck our country, Lee Hamilton's advice and counsel are again being sought. He served for 34 years in this body before retiring in 1999. While his primary committee focus was in foreign policy, Lee also had a tenure as the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and on temporary panels to address standards of conduct and Congressional operations and organization.

Still although having a love of foreign policy, Lee Hamilton never forgot his constituents in Indiana. He worked hard for the well-being of his constituents and reached across the aisle on many items for the betterment of the Hoosier State.

Finally, it must be noted here, that perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments, came not on the House floor or in committee, but on the basketball court. He was a star player on his high school and college teams and has been inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

I support H.R. 1583 and urge its adoption.

Mr. FALOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1583, which recognizes our former colleague from Indiana, the Honorable Lee H. Hamilton, by naming in his honor a Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in New Albany, Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, ever since I was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1989, I have served as a member of the House Foreign Affairs/Inter-

national Relations Committee. In that capacity, it was my distinct pleasure and honor to serve with and get to know our distinguished colleague, the former Chairman and Ranking Democratic Member, Lee Hamilton.

Over the decade that I worked with Mr. Hamilton, he was always looked to by Committee members for bipartisan leadership, wise insight and steady guidance in crafting America's foreign policy.

Mr. Hamilton's voice was one marked by moderation, thoughtfulness and balance, and he had the vision to look beyond momentary international crises to seek and preserve the long-term interests of our Nation.

In a distinguished career in Congress which spanned 34 years, Mr. Hamilton, in particular, provided exceptional leadership in efforts to promote democratic reforms in the former Soviet Union and Soviet bloc nations, as well as his strong support of balanced peace initiatives in the Middle East. Mr. Hamilton was also a major instrumental force in revamping our Nation's foreign aid and export policies, while championing the expansion of overseas markets for U.S. products.

Mr. Speaker, all of us in Congress greatly miss our former colleague, Mr. Hamilton. We note, however, that he continues his tremendous contributions to our Nation's foreign policy by serving as the Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the respected international and world affairs think tank.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to adopt the legislation before us, which fittingly honors and pays tribute to a great American and one of the most respected leaders in our Nation's capital.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this legislation. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KERNS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. KERNS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1583.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KERNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 1583.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

SENIOR HOUSING COMMISSION EXTENSION ACT OF 2001

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1850) to extend the